

Amendment in the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 17 as follows:

C 1. (Currently Amended) An ostomy pouch for collecting waste excreted from a human body through a stoma, the pouch including an envelope formed of a flexible plastic sheet material defining a waste collection chamber, said envelope having an interior surface portion, ~~a base and top~~, the envelope having an opening ~~predeterminedly sized~~ for encircling a stoma, the envelope fitting to the human body around the stoma, the envelope having a carrier including an absorbent pad that carries and releases at least one malodour counteractant, said carrier being fixedly attached directly or indirectly to the interior surface portion of the envelope, ~~distal to the base of the envelope.~~ near the stomal opening, said carrier being encased against said interior surface portion by a liquid permeable cover, said carrier being unvented directly to the exterior of the pouch, said cover preventing direct contact of said malodour conteractant by a stoma while permitting the body waste to contact the absorbent pad.

2. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant is a coating on part, or all, of a surface of the carrier.

3. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant is adhered to the carrier by means of an adhesive.

4. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein said carrier carries a matrix and at least one malodour counteractant.

5. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix is a hygroscopic matrix.

6. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises glycerol and polyethylene glycol.

7. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises one or more surfactants.

8. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 4, wherein the matrix comprises one or more soaps.

Claim 9 (canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the absorbent pad is a composite comprising one or more of the following:

- (i) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) sodium polyacrylate, glycerol, water, and (3) tissue paper;
- (ii) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) viscose and super-absorbent fibres, and (3) tissue paper;
- (iii) separate layers of; (1) tissue paper, (2) viscose and super-absorbent fibres; and
- (iv) polyvinyl alcohol fibres and super-absorbent fibres.

C I 11. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant is an oxidising agent generator.

12. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant comprises a hydrogen peroxide generator.

13. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant comprises a chlorine dioxide generator.

14. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 12, wherein the hydrogen peroxide generator is a metal perborate.

15. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 14, wherein the metal perborate is sodium perborate.

16. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant comprises one or more antibacterial agents and/or one or more fragrance additives.

17. (Previously Amended) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the carrier is heat sealed, or welded to the ~~pouch-wall~~ interior surface portion of the envelope.

Claim 18 (canceled)

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19. (Previously Presented) The ostomy pouch according to claim 1, wherein the malodour counteractant is effective in reducing the odor of excreted bodily fluid as smelled by a user of the pouch.

Claims 20-26 (canceled)

